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INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

C O N F I D E N T I A L RANGOON 2993

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SNAR, BM
SUBJECT: NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM: HALL MEETING WITH BURMESE MILITARY

1. S/NM AVIATION ADMISOR HALL AND POL/ECON COUNSELOR SCOTT HAD VERY FRUITFUL AND INFORMATIVE MEETING OCT 18 WITH COL. AUNG HTAY (DEFENSE SERVICES INTELLIGENCE), COL. MAUNG MAUNG (BURMA ARMY), COL. KO GYI (BURMA AIR FORCE) AND OTHER SENIOR BURMESE MILITARY ADVISORS ON STATUS OF NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM AND ITS FUTURE. COMPLETE REPORT WILL FOLLOW BUT HALL WISHES TO ADVISE FOLLOWING FOR ACTION SOONEST.

2. GUB HAS APPROVED SPECIFICATIONS FOR F-27 AND HAS DECIDED AIR-CRAFT TO BE USED FOR MULIT-PURPOSE MISSIONS; THEY HAVE REQUESTED TROOP INTERIOR AS WELL AS NORMAL PASSENGER CONFIGURATION.

3. BURMESE SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT EMBASSY HAS YET TO RECEIVE NOTE FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY CONFIRMING AMENDMENT TO NARCOTICS AGREEMENT TO INCLUDE F-27/NIGHT VISION PACKAGE; THEY HAVE PROMISED TO HAVE A REPLY TO US VERY SOON. IN ORDER THAT WE CAN COMPLETE PROAG FOR THIS PACKAGE, REQUEST ADVICE ALLOTMENT PER STATE 200568.

4. REQUEST ALSO ADVICE ALLOTMENT FOR SECOND SIX HELICOPTERS AND $450,000 SPARES PACKAGE (STATE 217486) SO THAT THIS PROAG MAY BE
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PREPARED AS WELL. ASSUME NO NEW NOTE REQUIRED AND THAT PROAG

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WILL SUFFICE.

5. HALL LEAVES OCTOBER 19 FOR BANGKOK TO MEET WITH GENERAL COUNSEL AND CONTRACTING OFFICER TO DISCUSS HELICOPTER MAINTENANCE SUPPORT CONTRACT.
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